

FOSTER CARE REIMBURSEMENT RATES

July 28, 2014

NEBRASKA CAREGIVER RESPONSIBILITY ASSESSMENT

July 1, 2014



CHILD NEEDS ASSESSMENT

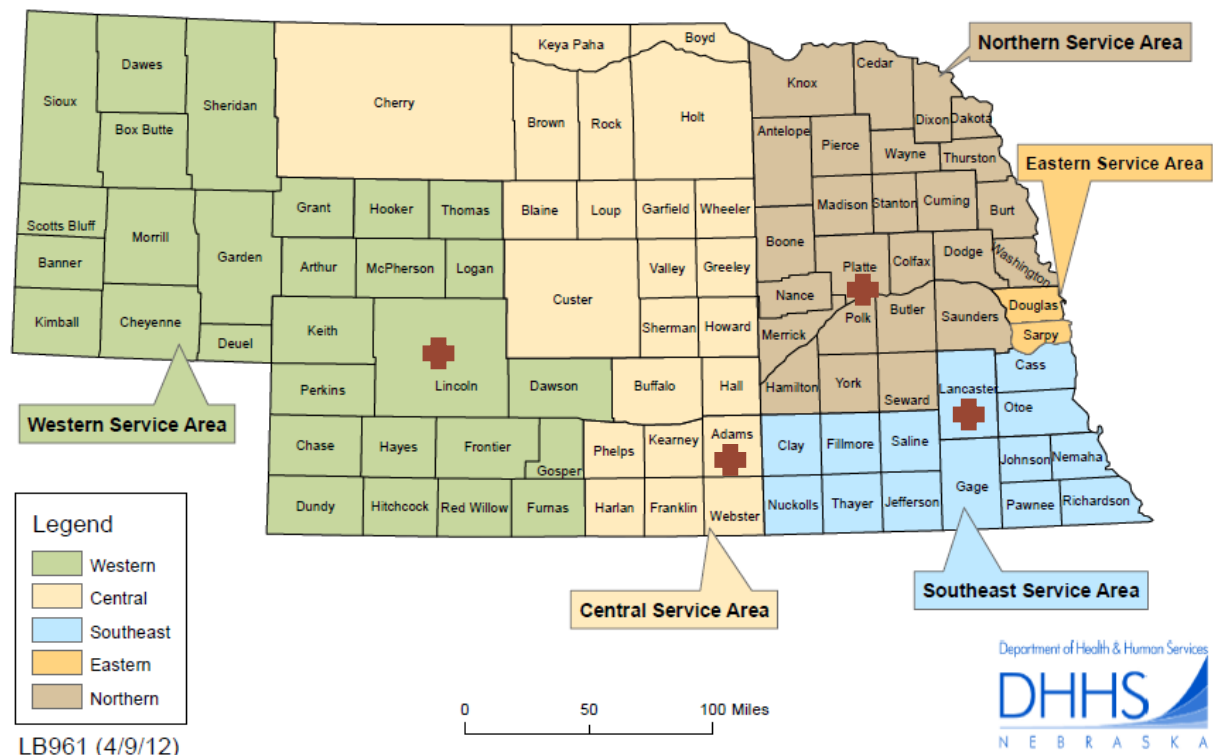
○ CANS

■ Pilot counties

- Lancaster
- Adams
- Lincoln
- Platte

○ FSNA

■ All other counties



TIME FRAMES

◉ NCR

- Within 30 days of the initial placement
- Updated every 6 months
- Change of placement - at the time of placement if the child's needs are already identified



◉ CANS and FSNA

- Prior to the completion of the NCR

NCR PROCESS

- Face-to-Face meeting
(all receive copies of the tool)

- Foster Parent(s)
- Assigned worker
 - CFS Specialist
 - NFC - FPS
 - Tribal Worker
- ASFC worker, if applicable

- Everyone present signs the NCR

- Supervisor reviews and signs

- Print from N-FOCUS & **everyone** signs final copy



NCR ASSESSMENT TYPES

- ◉ Initial
- ◉ Re-assessment
- ◉ Request of Foster Parent(s)
- ◉ Request of Agency/Department
- ◉ Change of Placement
- ◉ Permanency Plan Change
- ◉ Change of Circumstance

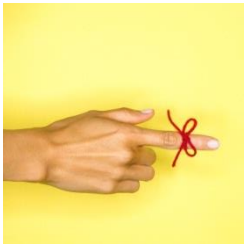
ALL FOSTER HOMES

- ◉ DHHS
- ◉ Agency
- ◉ Licensed
- ◉ Approved
 - Relative
 - Kinship

Completed by

- ◉ CFS Specialist (or)
- ◉ NFC Family Permanency Specialist





REMEMBER


- ⦿ Complete an NCR for all foster parents within 30 days of placement
- ⦿ Prior to completing an NCR, complete the CANS (or FSNA)
 - CANS continues to be used in the pilot counties.
 - FSNA is used to assess the child's needs in the all other counties and NFC.

FOSTER CARE RATES

- ◉ Basic Cost of Raising a Child
 - Food, Shelter, Clothing
 - School Supplies
 - Basic Transportation
 - Support to Parents (Respite)
- ◉ Above and Beyond Costs
 - Child Care
 - Health Insurance (Medicaid)
 - Extended Transportation
- ◉ Impacts future adoption and guardianship subsidies



FOSTER CARE DAILY RATES



Age	Essential	Enhanced	Intensive
0 - 5 yr.	\$20.00	\$27.50	\$35.00
6 - 12 yr.	\$23.00	\$30.50	\$38.00
12- 18 yr.	\$25.00	\$32.50	\$40.00

Basic Monthly (based on 30 days)

0-5 yr.	\$600
6-12 yr.	\$690
12-18 yr.	\$750

AFTER COMPLETION

- ◉ Enter FSNA into N-FOCUS (or)
- ◉ Scan the **CANS** into 'casework' in document imaging
- ◉ Scan the NCR into N-FOCUS
 - Need signatures in N-FOCUS

Until **August 11, 2014:**

- ◉ Alert Jodi Allen, Foster Care Program Specialist, via email message
jodi.allen@nebraska.gov

N-FOCUS - STARTING **AUGUST 11TH**

- Enter NCR on N-FOCUS
 - CFS Detail Program Case
 - Select **\$** icon
 - Include narrative and supporting documentation



N-FOCUS

N-FOCUS - Detail Payment Determination

File Actions Detail Goto Help

Child's Name LOIS LANE MC # 500 UPDATE
Caregiver Name TOM HANKS
Service Area Southeast
Licensing Agency KVC BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE NEBRASKA, INC

Payment Determination

Assessment Date 07-09-2014 Assessment Type Reassessment (6 months from date of previous tool)
Completed By RHONDA ERIKSON

Status Final As Of 07-09-2014

Payment Information

Points Determined 16
Level of Parenting ENHANCED
Out of Home Maintenance Amount 30.50 / Day

Recalculate

Caregiver Responsibilities
Caregiver Resp. Summary

Reviewed By
Supervisor JOE SCHMO On Behalf Of

This info is
already
populated

Add the date
and type of
assessment

Payment info
populates when
NCR is
completed

Push button opens
the NCR format

N-FOCUS

N-FOCUS - Nebraska Caregiver Responsibilities

Child's Name LOIS LANE
Foster Parent TOM HANKS

Caregiver Responsibilities

Responsibility Category
Category Description Medical/Physical Health and Well-being

☐ L1 : Caregiver arranges routine medical and dental appointments; provides basic health care and responds to illness or injury; administers prescribed medications; maintains health records; shares developmentally appropriate health information with the child.

☒ L2 : Caregiver arranges, as needed, visits with medical specialists, assists with treatment of specific health concerns, and management of personal care needs, such as treating severe cases of asthma, physical disabilities, and pregnant/parenting teens.

☐ L3 : Caregiver provides hands-on specialized interventions to manage the child's chronic health and/or personal care needs. Examples include using feeding tubes, physical therapy, or managing HIV/Aids.

Caregiver Responsibilities Detail

Mr. Hanks provides respiratory treatments twice a day as prescribed for Lois. He was trained by Nurse Howard at the allergy clinic.

Save and Previous 1 of 8 Categories Save and Next

Summary Save Save and Close Close

Select level
and add
narrative
for L2 or L3

Select to move to
the next category

N-FOCUS - STARTING **AUGUST 11TH**

- ⦿ Enter NCR on N-FOCUS
- ⦿ Supervisor consultation and approval
- ⦿ NCR scored on N-FOCUS
 - Rates are automated within N-FOCUS
- ⦿ Service Authorization completed on N-FOCUS

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- ◉ NFAPA provides training to foster parents, including information about the NCR
- ◉ Complete the NCR in person
- ◉ ASFC creates a plan to support foster parents in meeting the child's needs

LIFE OF CHILD (LOC) - CATEGORIES

Refer to
NCR Tool

1. Medical/Physical Health & Well-Being
2. Family Relationships/Cultural Identity
3. Supervision/Structure/Behavioral & Emotional
4. Education/Cognitive Development
5. Socialization/Age-Appropriate Expectations
6. Support/Nurturance/Well-Being
7. Placement Stability
8. Transition to Permanency and/or Independent Living

LEVELS

Select only one

Refer to
NCR Tool

L1

- Basic foster care

L2

- Increased involvement

L3

- Highest Level of Responsibility

LOC 1 - MEDICAL/PHYSICAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING

Refer to
NCR Tool

L1 - Caregiver arranges and participates, as appropriate in routine medical and dental appointments; Provides basic healthcare and responds to illness or injury; administers prescribed medications; maintains health records; shares developmentally appropriate health information with child.



LOC 1 - MEDICAL/PHYSICAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING

Refer to
NCR Tool

L2 - Caregiver arranges and participates with additional visits with medical specialists, assists with treatment and monitoring of specific health concerns, and provides periodic management of personal care needs.

Examples may include treating and monitoring severe cases of asthma, physical disabilities, and pregnant/parenting teens.



LOC 1 - MEDICAL/PHYSICAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING

Refer to
NCR Tool

L3 - Caregiver provides hands-on specialized interventions to manage the child's chronic health and/or personal care needs.

Examples include using feeding tubes, physical therapy, or managing HIV/AIDS.



LOC 2 - FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS/ CULTURAL IDENTITY

Refer to
NCR Tool

L1 - Caregiver supports efforts to maintain connections to primary family including siblings and extended family, and/or other significant people as outlined in the case plan; prepares and helps child with visits and other contacts; shares information and pictures as appropriate; supports the parents and helps the child to form a healthy view of his/her family.



LOC 2 - FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS/ CULTURAL IDENTITY

Refer to
NCR Tool

L2 - Caregiver arranges and supervises ongoing contact between child and primary family and/or other significant people or teaches parenting strategies to other caregivers as outlined in the case plan.

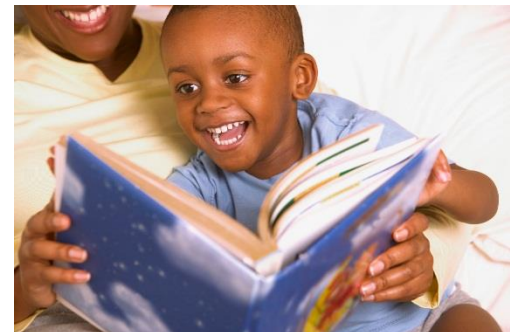


LOC 2 - FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS/ CULTURAL IDENTITY

Refer to
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L3 - Caregiver works with primary family to co-parent child, sharing parenting responsibilities, OR supports parent who is caring for child AND works with parent to coordinate attending meetings AND appointments together.

Examples include attending meetings with doctors, specialists, educators, and therapists together.



LOC 3 - SUPERVISION/STRUCTURE/ BEHAVIORAL & EMOTIONAL

Refer to
NCR Tool

L1 - Caregiver provides routine direct care and supervision of the child, assists child in learning appropriate self-control and problem solving strategies; utilizes constructive discipline practices that are fair and reasonable and are logically connected to the behavior in need of change, adapts schedule or home environment to accommodate or redirect occasional outbursts.



LOC 3 - SUPERVISION/STRUCTURE/ BEHAVIORAL & EMOTIONAL

Refer to
NCR Tool

L2 - Caregiver works with other professionals to develop, implement and monitor specialized behavior management or intervention strategies to address ongoing behaviors that interfere with successful living as determined by the family team.



LOC 3 - SUPERVISION/STRUCTURE/ BEHAVIORAL & EMOTIONAL

Refer to
NCR Tool

L3 - Caregiver provides direct care and supervision that involves the provision of highly structured Interventions such as using specialized equipment and/or techniques and treatment regiments on a constant basis.

Examples of specialized equipment include using alarms, single bedrooms modified for treatment purposes, or using adaptive communication systems, etc.; works with other professionals to develop, implement and monitor strategies to intervene with behaviors that put the child or others in imminent danger or at immediate risk of serious harm.



LOC 4 - EDUCATION/COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT

Refer to
NCR Tool

L1 - Caregiver provides developmentally appropriate learning experiences for the child noting progress and special needs; assures school or early intervention participation as appropriate; supports the child's educational activities; addresses cognitive and other educational concerns as they arise, participation in the IEP development and review.



LOC 4 - EDUCATION/COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT

Refer to
NCR Tool

L2 - Caregiver maintains increased involvement with school staff to address specific educational needs that require close home/school communication for the child to make progress AND responds to educational personnel to provide at-home supervision when necessary; or works with others to implement program to assist youth in alternative education or job training.



LOC 4 - EDUCATION/COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT

Refer to
NCR Tool

L3 - Caregiver works with school staff to administer a specialized educational program AND carries out a comprehensive home/school program (more than helping with homework) during or after school hours.



LOC 5 - SOCIALIZATION/ AGE-APPROPRIATE EXPECTATIONS

Refer to
NCR Tool

L1 - Caregiver works with others to ensure child's successful participation in community activities; ensures opportunities for child to form healthy, developmentally appropriate relationships with peers and other community members, and uses everyday experiences to help child learn and develop appropriate social skills.



LOC 5 - SOCIALIZATION/ AGE-APPROPRIATE EXPECTATIONS

Refer to
NCR Tool

L2 - Caregiver provides additional guidance to the child to enable the child's successful participation in Community and enrichment activities AND provides assistance with planning and adapting activities AND participates with child when needed.

Examples include shadowing, coaching social skills, sharing specific intervention strategies with other responsible adults, etc.



LOC 5 - SOCIALIZATION/ AGE-APPROPRIATE EXPECTATIONS

Refer to
NCR Tool

L3 - Caregiver provides ongoing, one-to-one supervision and instruction (beyond what would be age appropriate) to ensure the child's participation in community and enrichment activities AND caregiver is required to participate in or attend most community activities with other responsible adults, etc.



LOC 6 - SUPPORT/NURTURANCE/ WELL-BEING

Refer to
NCR Tool

L1 - Caregiver provides nurturing and caring to build the child's self-esteem; engages the child in constructive, positive family living experiences; maintains a safe home environment with developmentally appropriate toys and activities; provides for the child's basic needs and arranges for counseling or other mental health services as needed.



LOC 6 - SUPPORT/NURTURANCE/ WELL-BEING

Refer to
NCR Tool

L2 - Caregiver consults with mental health professionals to implement specific strategies of interacting with the child in a therapeutic manner to promote emotional well-being, healing and understanding, and a sense of safety on a daily basis.



LOC 6 - SUPPORT/NURTURANCE/ WELL-BEING

Refer to
NCR Tool

L3 - Caregiver works with services and programs to implement intensive child-specific in-home strategies of interacting in a therapeutic manner to promote emotional well-being, healing, and understanding, and sense of safety on a constant basis.



LOC 7 - PLACEMENT STABILITY

Refer to
NCR Tool

L1 - Caregiver maintains open communication with the child welfare team about the child's progress and adjustment to placement and participates in team meetings, court hearings, case plan development, respite care, and a support plan.



LOC 7 - PLACEMENT STABILITY

Refer to
NCR Tool

L2 - The child's/youth's needs require caregiver expertise that is developed through fostering experience, participation in support group and/or mentor support, and consistent relevant in-service training.



LOC 7 - PLACEMENT STABILITY

Refer to
NCR Tool

L3 - The child's/youth's needs require daily or weekly involvement/participation by the caregiver with intensive in-home services as defined in case plan and/or treatment team.



LOC 8 - TRANSITION TO PERMANENCY AND/OR INDEPENDENT LIVING

Refer to
NCR Tool

L1 - Caregiver provides routine ongoing efforts to work with biological family and/or other significant adults to facilitate successful transition home or into another permanent placement. Caregiver provides routine assistance in the on-going development of the child/youth life book.



LOC 8 - TRANSITION TO PERMANENCY AND/OR INDEPENDENT LIVING

Refer to
NCR Tool

L2 - Caregiver actively provides age-appropriate adult living preparation and life skills training for child/youth age 8 and above, as outlined in the written independent living plan and determined through completion of the Ansell Casey Life Skills Assessment. For those youth available for adoption or guardianship who have spent a significant portion of their life in out of home care, the caregiver (with direction from their agency and in accordance with the case plan), actively participates in finding them a permanent home including working with team members, potential adoptive parents, therapists and specialists to ensure they achieve permanency.



LOC 8 - TRANSITION TO PERMANENCY AND/OR INDEPENDENT LIVING

Refer to
NCR Tool

L3 - Caregiver supports active participation of youth age 14 or above in services to facilitate transition to independent living. Services including but not limited to assistance with finances, money management, permanence, education, self-care, housing, transportation, employment, community resources and lifetime family connectedness.



NARRATIVE SECTIONS

- ◉ Must complete for each L2 or L3
- ◉ Outline the caregiver's responsibilities for related to the identified needs of the child
- ◉ Caregiver provides examples
 - Include these in narrative
 - Supporting documentation





REMEMBER

- ◎ Score what the foster parent is **actually doing** and that it is necessary to meet the child's need
- ◎ **Only select one** level for each of the 8 LOC's
- ◎ All Foster Parents are expected to provide care at L1
- ◎ Include **narrative** examples for L2 or L3

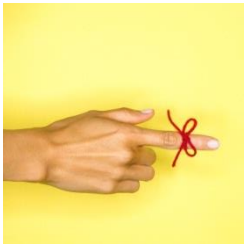


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 - Reassess the NCR every 6 months
 - Change of placement

- ◉ **All children in foster care** are included
 - Both Licensed and Approved
 - DHHS and ASFC
 - Not for group homes or residential facilities

- ◉ **Supervisors review and sign** the NCR
 - Ready for review in N-FOCUS



REMEMBER

- ⦿ Beginning **August 11th** all NCR are to be completed on N-FOCUS
- ⦿ **FC Pay will be disabled** after August 11, 2014
- ⦿ **Paper copies** will be scanned to Document Imaging
 - Category - Casework

QUESTIONS???

- ◎ Send further questions to
 - Nanette Simmons, Policy Administrator at nanette.simmons@nebraska.gov
 - Jodi Allen, Foster Care Program Specialist at jodi.allen@nebraska.gov

- ◎ **PS/OJS Training Tools** webpage
 - http://dhhs.ne.gov/children_family_services/Training/Pages/CFSTraining.aspx
 - On the CFS Internet webpage - **Child Welfare, Juvenile, & Adult Protective Services**